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1. FOLLOWING IS UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION OF LETTER SENT AUGUST 13 BY SPECIAL COMMISSIONER FOR ADMINISTRATION, NGUYEN VAN TUONG, TO CENTRAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE. LETTER IS IN RESPONSE TO LETTER SENT HIM BY CECC AUGUST 12.

2. QUOTE:

TO: CHAIRMAN, PRESIDENTIAL AND VICE-PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE, DIEN HONG CONFERENCE HALL, SAIGON;

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN,

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MY OFFICE HAS RECEIVED DOCUMENT NUMBER 001/DB OF AUGUST 12, 1967, C[illegible]INF FOR CONFIRMATION OF THE FACT THAT SATISFACTORY

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MINIMUM CONDITIONS FOR CONTINUING THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN, WHICH WERE DISCUSSED DURING A MEETING OF ALL CANDIDATES ON AUGUST 12, EXIST.

AFTER CONTACT WILL ALL RELATED AGENCIES, MY OFFICE RESPECTFULLY CONFIRMS THAT IT IS POSSIBLE TO MEET THE VARIOUS CONDITIONS NOTED IN THE REPORT OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED MEETING. THOSE CONDITIONS ARE:

1. THE GOVERNMENT WILL DEAL WITH THE PROBLEM OF SECURITY FOR ALL THE CANDIDATES AND THE MAINTENANCE OF ORDER DURING ALL MEETINGS;

2. THE GOVERNMENT WILL RESERVE PLACES WITH AIR VIETNAM FOR ALL CANDIDATES, EACH LIST TO PAY FOR ITS OWN PASSAGE;

3. THE GOVERNMENT WILL ASSIST IN ORGANIZING MEETINGS IN PUBLIC LOCATIONS AT WHICH THE VOTERS MAY HAVE ACCESS FREELY AND WITHOUT LIMIT, SUCH AS PUBLIC SQUARES, PLAY GROUNDS, MARKETS, ETC.

IN ORDER THAT THESE ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE EFFECTIVELY AND CONVENIENTLY CARRIED OUT, MY OFFICE WOULD LIKE TO STATE MORE CLEARLY:

1. REGARDING SECURITY AND THE MAINTENANCE OF ORDER DURING

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MEETINGS, THE MINISTRY OF SECURITY (DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF NATIONAL POLICE) HAS INSTRUCTED EACH LOCAL POLICE OFFICE TO PROTECT THE SECURITY OF EACH DELEGATION OF THE CANDIDATES WHILE TRAVELING AS WELL AS AT A GIVEN LOCATION, TO MAINTAIN ORDER DURING EACH MEETING WITH VOTERS, AND TO EMPLOY EVERY SUITABLE MEASURES DURING THE MEETINGS TO PREVENT VC SABOTAGE. THESE INSTRUCTIONS ARE CONTAINED IN TELEGRAM NUMBER 13240-PL DATED AUGUST 11, 1967, A COPY OF WHICH WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE.

2. REGARDING THE SECOND PROBLEM, MY OFFICE HAS BEEN INFORMED BY THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND TRANSPORT THAT IT IS WILLING TO INTERVENE WITH AIR VIETNAM TO MAKE IT AS EASY AS

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POSSIBLE FOR CANDIDATES AND THEIR REPRESENTATIVES TO CONVENIENTLY CARRY OUT THEIR PROGRAM OF TRAVEL.

MY OFFICE PROPOSES THAT THE VARIOUS LISTS REACH AN AGREEMENT TO RESERVE ONE DC-3 AIRCRAFT, WHICH HAS APPROXIMATELY 30 SEATS, FOR THEIR USE AT ANY TIME.

RELATED EXPENSES WOULD BE BORNE BY THE CANDIDATES. REGARDING COMMERCIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE USE OF THE AIRCRAFT, WE PROPOSE

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THAT THE CENTRAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE GET IN TOUCH DIRECTLY WITH AIR VIET NAM.

3) REGARDING THE THIRD PROBLEM, LOCAL AUTHORITIES ARE READY TO HELP IN THE ORGANIZATION OF SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS AT SUCH PUBLIC PLACES AS STADIUMS, ATHLETIC FIELDS, MARKETS, ETC., SO THAT VOTERS CAN FREELY COME TO LISTEN, WITHOUT ANY RESTRICTIONS.

WITH REGARD TO THIS POINT, WE BELIEVE THAT THE CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE SHOULD TAKE NOTE OF THE FACT THAT ACCORDING TO ARTICLE 20, PARAGRAPH 4, OF LAW #1/67 OF JUNE 15, 1967 AND MINUTES OF OUR MEETING OF JULY 20, 1967, "PUBLIC SPEAKING APPEARANCES IN VARIOUS LOCALITIES WILL BE DETERMINED BY LOCAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN COMMITTEES."

THEREFORE, IN ORDER TO ALLOW CONVENIENT COORDINATION, WE RESPECTFULLY REQUEST YOU TO INSTRUCT YOUR LOCAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEES TO DECIDE ON LOCATIONS FOR MEETINGS AND TO INFORM LOCAL AUTHORITIES WITHOUT DELAY SO THAT ALL SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE AND MAXIMUM NUMBER OF VOTERS CAN BE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO HELP BY PROVIDING USABLE FACILITIES, BUT WILL NOT TAKE THE INITIATIVE IN THIS AREA.

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PLEASE INFORM MY OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE OF YOUR PROGRAM FOR RESUMING YOUR MEETINGS WITH VOTERS. IN ADDITION, PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THE DETAILS NECESSARY TO BE DISSEMINATED TO THE PROVINCES, WHICH WERE SET FORTH IN MY OFFICE'S MESSAGES NUMBER 4177-DUHC/NG/7D OF AUGUST 6, 1967.

RESPECTFULLY,

NGUYEN VAN TUONG
BUNKER